

(a) whether a legislation to allow doctors to remove eyes from unclaimed bodies in hospitals is under consideration of the Government;

(b) whether a draft legislation on this issue has been submitted by the Eye Bank Association of India;

(c) the advantages likely to be derived from such a legislation; and

(d) the time by which legislation is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Central Legislation has been introduced in Union Territory of Delhi and majority of the States. This legislation has been passed by the Parliament and the State Legislatures respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Eye Bank Association of India (EBAI) is of the view that the existing Corneal Grafting Acts passed by the State Legislatures and by the Parliament are not adequate to provide more donor eyes and these Acts should be amended or fresh Acts be passed which would overcome the deficiency of these Acts. They have forwarded a model Corneal Grafting Act to be forwarded to the State Governments so as to enable them to enact more effective legislation.

(c) It will provide for procuring more donor eyes from postmortem cases and unclaimed bodies from hospitals which can be a very large source of donor eyes.

(d) A decision can only be taken in this regard after thorough examination of the proposal in consultation with the Ministry of Law. No time limit can be prescribed for this.

Monuments at Mamallapuram

931. SHRI C.K. KUPPUSWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the monuments at Mamallapuram near Madras have developed some cracks and some of them are in dilapidated condition; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Life Saving Drugs for Earthquake Victims

932. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether life saving drugs which were sent to the victims of earthquake in Garhwal were of superior quality and not outdated;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to inquire into the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). Ministry of Health & F.W. has not supplied any life saving drugs to the earthquake victims in Garhwal.

Anganwadi Kendras in Araria

933. SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: